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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has instructed/directed all the universities and colleges to have an internal assurance cell to improve the quality of higher education being imparted in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the central universities and colleges are monitored by the UGC in so far as imparting of higher education is concerned;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve standard of education in colleges and universities, in consultation with the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a new scheme namely Establishment and Monitoring of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell(IQACs) has been launched during XI Plan for planning, guiding and monitoring Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Enhancement (QE) activities of the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with the following objectives /goals:-

(i) To develop a quality system for conscious, consistent and catalytic programmed action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the HEIs.

(ii) To promote measures for institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through internalization of quality culture and institutionalization of best practices.

UGC has sanctioned grant of Rs. 5.00 lakh to each Central Universities for establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. UGC constitutes visiting committee comprising of experts from various specialisation and from different part of country to evaluate XI financial requirement of the University as well as review of previous development activities of the University.

(e): Improvement of quality of higher education is a continuous endeavour. A substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made in the Eleventh Plan aiming at improvement of quality through increased allocation for improvement of infrastructure in the existing higher and technical educational institutions and by way of setting up of new quality institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, Schools for Planning and Architecture, etc.

As a measure to attract quality personnel for faculty position in Colleges and Universities, the Central Government has accepted the recommendations of the Pay Review Committee to provide higher salaries and other allowances and better service condition than those for the Group "A" Civil Services.

UGC (Minimum Qualifications required for the appointment & Career Advancement of teachers in universities and institutions affiliated to it) 3rd Amendment Regulation, 2009 and the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M. Phil / Ph.D. Degree), Regulation, 2009 has been notified on 11th July, 2009 for making NET/SLET compulsory for appointment for the post of Lecturers/ Assistant Professors in Universities/Colleges and this is an important measure to improve the quality of teachers.